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Highway 99 Revitalization Project receives \$22.5M from the State of Washington

(Edmonds - WA) Governor Inslee signed the Move Ahead WA transportation bill that was recently passed by the State Legislature on Friday March 25, 2022. Included in this transportation bill is the City of Edmonds request to include \$22.5 million in the new for the Highway 99 Revitalization Project.

"This package brings long overdue investments to our most diverse and most underserved residents. It will fund the second phase of our multiphase transportation improvements along the entire Edmonds Highway 99 corridor. Thank you to Senator Marko Liias for leading the effort at the state level," said Mayor Mike Nelson.

Highway 99 is a key regional corridor that extends into Edmonds from 244th St SW to 212th St SW. It is comprised of a two-mile stretch of Highway 99 (a state highway) and the land area around it.

This infrastructure project is a key part of the City's renewed commitment to this corridor. Phase 1 is already funded and being constructed this spring.

The Highway 99 Revitalization Project has several goals including:

- **Safety and walkability:** create a safer environment for pedestrians and transit riders by improving sidewalks and adding streetscape improvements.
- **Economic development:** stimulate the economy by attracting and encouraging new businesses, investments, and redevelopment with the creation of a more attractive corridor.
- **Identity:** establish a distinct identity along the corridor supporting existing cultural destinations and amenities and creating a welcoming and attractive environment. A public naming process is being initiated to recognize this area not just as a state arterial, but as a culturally diverse neighborhood. The popular summer evening market is also returning in 2022.

Mayor Nelson concluded, "No longer will these areas on Highway 99 be neighborhoods you pass through. These will be neighborhoods you travel to."

The Move Ahead WA transportation package is a 16-year package. Funding for this project is included in the Climate Commitment Act appropriations. The CCA was passed during the 2021 legislative session. The Cap and Invest program starts January 1, 2023. Revenues from the auction of emission allowances will support new investments in climate resiliency programs, clean transportation, and addressing health disparities across the state.

For more information about the Highway 99 Revitalization Project, visit <https://www.edmondscorridor99.org/>.

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